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Abstract of EP0530173

Prions, viruses and other infectious agents which are present in biological or biogenic materials, e.g. in a plasma or serum from which albumin is obtained, are to be eliminated without affecting the biological material. To do this, the biological or biogenic material is treated, according to the invention, with a chaotropic reagent, e.g. with urea or sodium thiocyanate, for about 18 hours. Beforehand, a detergent, e.g. sodium lauryl sulphate, and methyl or ethyl alcohol can be added and the solution heated to about 70 DEG C for about 30 min. After cooling and acidifying the globulins can be separated off.